



## AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY FORM

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**MEETING DATE:** 9/2/2025

**PREPARED BY:** Jason O'Mara, Director of Parks & Recreation

**AGENDA CONTENT:** Discussion and possible action on Angleton Recreation Center Pool Hours and ARC staffing.

**AGENDA ITEM SECTION:** Regular Agenda

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**BUDGETED AMOUNT:** None

**FUNDS REQUESTED:** None

**FUND:** ABLC Contingency or Fund Balance

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

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Based on previous discussions regarding ARC staffing and hours of operation, ABLC requested that staff evaluate past attendance and staffing data. Staff analyzed facility usage using data from the Connect2 software counts module to capture attendance during both peak and non-peak seasons. The goal was to determine if revised operational hours would better align with community usage and improve operational efficiency.

Analysis of the past two years of facility attendance shows that weekday pool usage between 5:30 a.m. and 7:00 a.m. averages only 2–4 patrons per day. Considering the current staffing standard of five lifeguards for full coverage during these hours, the cost of operation significantly outweighs the benefit to the limited number of users.

Attendance trends are consistent across both peak and non-peak seasons, showing a clear pattern of low early morning usage. The following sections detail these usage patterns and present recommendations for adjusting operating hours in both non-peak and peak seasons to align services with actual demand.

### Non-Peak Season

Attendance data from the past two non-peak seasons spans approximately 190 weekdays and includes counts for each area of the natatorium. The analysis shows that from 5:30 a.m. to 7:00 a.m., usage in all pool areas remains low, averaging only 2–4 patrons across the facility. Even when combining counts from multiple sections, attendance remains minimal during these hours. The attached chart illustrates these averages, showing that usage begins to rise between 7:00 and 8:00 a.m., supporting consideration to adjust operating hours to better match demand while preserving access during higher-use times.

From Date	9/2/2024
To Date	5/23/2025
From Time	5:30 AM
To Time	6:30 PM
Totals By Date	On
Totals By Time	Off

Facility	Location	Sub Location	5:00 AM	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	8:00 AM	9:00 AM	10:00 AM	11:00 AM	12:00 PM	1:00 PM	2:00 PM	3:00 PM	4:00 PM	5:00 PM	6:00 PM	Total Count	Status
Aquatics	Pool	Lap Lanes	18	163	142	903	450	147	10	40	48	66	115	139	422	310	2973	Active
Aquatics	Pool	Slide	0	1	1	28	10	19	2	16	30	45	43	29	138	111	473	Active
Aquatics	Pool	Lazy River	7	42	125	282	75	110	0	38	89	97	143	113	506	441	2068	Active
Aquatics	Pool	Child Play Area	5	1	6	5	22	75	1	34	73	104	160	97	444	369	1396	Active
Aquatics	Pool	Hot Tub	0	26	12	49	326	98	5	22	65	64	90	76	332	310	1475	Active
Aquatics	Pool	On Deck	3	26	27	64	81	57	4	26	85	106	155	107	304	322	1367	Active

From Date	9/4/2023
To Date	5/24/2024
From Time	5:30 AM
To Time	6:30 PM
Totals By Date	On
Totals By Time	Off

Facility	Location	Sub Location	5:00 AM	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	8:00 AM	9:00 AM	10:00 AM	11:00 AM	12:00 PM	1:00 PM	2:00 PM	3:00 PM	4:00 PM	5:00 PM	6:00 PM	Total Count	Status
Aquatics	Pool	Lap Lanes	235	380	373	2247	670	397	18	46	69	105	58	339	736	314	5987	Active
Aquatics	Pool	Slide	0	2	13	15	12	73	17	27	41	34	26	72	197	138	667	Active
Aquatics	Pool	Lazy River	30	188	527	258	116	354	24	80	153	146	90	292	675	381	3314	Active
Aquatics	Pool	Child Play Area	1	3	7	8	59	285	19	100	173	175	96	273	606	351	2156	Active
Aquatics	Pool	Hot Tub	16	32	26	88	214	149	16	52	74	61	34	106	471	192	1531	Active
Aquatics	Pool	On Deck	71	71	65	64	136	202	18	86	113	125	79	273	529	315	2147	Active

## Peak Season

Peak season attendance trends closely mirror those seen in non-peak months. Data from the past two peak seasons shows low usage between 5:30 a.m. and 7:00 a.m., averaging just 2–4 patrons across the facility during these early hours. The attached chart reflects this pattern, with noticeable increases in attendance beginning between 7:00 and 8:00 a.m., Adjusting pool hours during peak season in line with these findings would better align operations with demand while continuing to offer service during the busiest parts of the day.

From Date	5/27/2024
To Date	8/30/2024
From Time	5:30 AM
To Time	6:30 PM
Totals By Date	On
Totals By Time	Off

Facility	Location	Sub Location	5:00 AM	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	8:00 AM	9:00 AM	10:00 AM	11:00 AM	12:00 PM	1:00 PM	2:00 PM	3:00 PM	4:00 PM	5:00 PM	6:00 PM	Total Count	Status
Aquatics	Pool	Lap Lanes	17	132	123	497	413	177	265	227	317	394	487	472	263	301	4085	Active
Aquatics	Pool	Slide	0	1	1	15	9	68	156	182	136	218	277	256	190	140	1649	Active
Aquatics	Pool	Lazy River	4	20	121	165	80	168	367	332	349	471	446	445	208	326	3502	Active
Aquatics	Pool	Child Play Area	0	6	5	3	52	162	480	399	472	684	628	630	313	436	4270	Active
Aquatics	Pool	Hot Tub	3	13	7	15	80	48	129	140	167	215	240	265	132	199	1653	Active
Aquatics	Pool	On Deck	1	17	22	77	112	165	317	347	439	561	543	498	415	289	3803	Active

From Date	5/26/2025
To Date	8/15/2025
From Time	5:30 AM
To Time	6:30 PM
Totals By Date	On
Totals By Time	Off

Facility	Location	Sub Location	5:00 AM	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	8:00 AM	9:00 AM	10:00 AM	11:00 AM	12:00 PM	1:00 PM	2:00 PM	3:00 PM	4:00 PM	5:00 PM	6:00 PM	Total Count	Status
Aquatics	Pool	Lap Lanes		32	52	344	87	127	214	129	196	286	270	229	160	95	2221	
Aquatics	Pool	Slide		2	5	1	5	33	140	82	89	123	152	130	130	75	967	
Aquatics	Pool	Lazy River		1	69	46	42	121	281	189	235	302	386	401	260	163	2496	
Aquatics	Pool	Child Play Area		0	3	0	9	159	364	304	344	383	416	497	251	162	2892	
Aquatics	Pool	Hot Tub		2	6	16	63	40	80	73	120	83	155	167	101	87	993	
Aquatics	Pool	On Deck		7	17	16	76	192	260	128	351	312	319	324	175	138	2315	

Currently, weekday morning operations from 5:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. cost approximately \$1,891.69 per week for lifeguard staffing, resulting in an annual cost of \$98,367.75. Adjusting the opening time to 7:00 a.m. would reduce the lifeguard payroll by approximately \$16,000 and could aid in addressing staffing challenges. Most of our lifeguards are high school students, early morning shifts are difficult to fill due to their school schedules. In addition, the limited number of

qualified guards has further restrictions as part-time staff cannot exceed 1,000-hour annual maximum per TMRS, making recruitment and scheduling more difficult.

**Current Hours Non-peak Hours:** 5:30 a.m.–11:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

**Proposed Hours:** 7:00 a.m.–11:30 a.m. (closing midday) and 4:30 p.m.–7:30 p.m.

However, with this model, staff recommends adding a part-time front desk clerk shift to ensure safety, reduce risk, and limit liability. Without this adjustment, reducing the lifeguard shifts would result in a single employee opening and managing the facility alone, which presents significant safety and liability concerns.

The addition of a 3-hour front desk shift is estimated to cost approximately \$7,600 annually. While this adjustment reduces the overall cost savings from modifying pool hours, the return on investment still outweighs the costs associated with operating the pool during periods of very minimal usage.

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends ABLC review and discuss the potential of adjusting the Angleton Recreation Center's weekday morning operating pool hours.